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SPECIAL COMPONENT PLAN
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Special Component Plan (SCP) was introduced to raise Scheduled Caste people above the poverty line;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this Scheme has achieved its goal; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) to (d) The strategy of Special Component Plan (SCP) was evolved by the Planning Commission in 1979 for overall development of Scheduled Castes with a view to facilitate raising theirstandards at an accelerated pace. Under the strategy, the State Governments/UT Administrations as well as Central Ministries were requested to earmark funds out of theirPlan fund in proportion to the Scheduled Castes population in the concerned State/UT andCountry respectively for utilisation on schemes under each sector, which has direct relevance to their development. The State Governments, UT Administrations and concernedcentral Ministries are taking steps for assisting SC families living below poverty line under schemes implemented in this regard.
Implementation of Special Component Plan by the State Governments is reviewed by theState Government concerned as well as this Ministry. Implementation of Special ComponentPlan by the central Ministries is reviewed by the Planning Commission, the National Commission for SCs and STs and this Ministry.
Besides this Ministry provides Special Central Assistance (SCA) as 100% grant toStates/UTs as an additive to their SCP. The States/UTs have been requested to prepare project proposals by dovetailing subsidy out of SCA along with loan under schemes of National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation for assisting SC families|iving below poverty line in an integrated manner.